

(Task #2870)

Bond Release Findings

April 13, 2009

Mine Name: Bull Claim Hill Rock QuarryI.D. No.: S/041/0037Operator: Sevier CountyMineral Ownership: BLMSurface Ownership: BLM**Disturbed and Bonded Area: 3 Acres****Acres Requested for Partial Release: 3 Acres****Acres to be Release with this Action: 3 Acres****Surety**Total Surety Amount: \$13,300Form: CashAmount Requested for Release: \$10,000Amount to be Released with this Action: \$10,000

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Operations

Sevier County quarried rock from this three acre site to obtain riprap for river bank stabilization. Topsoil was salvaged prior to operations. The area was drilled and blasted. Unusable material was stockpiled for later backfilling. Rock was loaded on trucks and hauled to the project site.

Reclamation

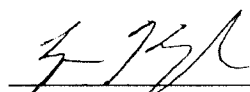
General: During the summer of 2008, the site was regraded. Overburden, waste rock material was backfilled against the highwall. There was sufficient material available so that the entire highwall was backfilled, bringing the quarry to approximate original contour. Stockpiled topsoil was replaced. The area was left in a roughened condition. The access road which had been widened for this operation was also reclaimed (narrowed) to the pre-mining width. Drainage crossings were armored to prevent erosion. The area was seeding in the fall utilizing broadcast seeding methods.

Public Safety: No hazards remain, the highwall was completely backfilled. There were no hazardous or toxic materials used or left on site.

Revegetation: Revegetation success has not been evaluated at this site. Thus the rationale for the partial bond release, retaining \$3,300 for potential revegetation, if needed.

Recommendation

This site received an Earth Day Award from the Board of Oil Gas and Mining for their exemplary efforts to restore the area to as near original conditions as possible. Since all reclamation work has been completed, it is recommended that the partial bond release be approved. It is expected that the remaining \$3,300 is sufficient to cover any potential revegetation costs.



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